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FOR NOAA, SUNRAY

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SUBJECT: NOAA TRANSMISSION OF WEATHER REPORTS FROM PUERTO CABEZAS

REF: TELCON MORNING AUGUST 7, 1975

1. NOAA WEATHER STATION LOCATED IN PUERTO CABEZAS, NICARAGUA HAS RECENTLY BEGUN TRANSMITTING ITS REPORTS DIRECTLY TO METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE IN MANAGUA BASED ON VERBAL OKAY TO DO SO BY COL. GARCIA, HEAD OF METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE. COL. LUNA OF RADIO NACIONAL, AGENCY THAT OFFICIALLY LICENSES ALL RADIO TRANSMISSIONS WITHIN NICARAGUA, WAS NOT CONSULTED, AND NO FORMAL APPLICATION FOR DIRECT TRANSMISSION FROM PUERTO CABEZAS TO MANAGUA WAS EVER MADE. NOW COL. LUNA HAS TOLD PUERTO CABEZAS STATION THAT THEY WILL AGAIN, AS THEY DID PREVIOUS TO THEIR DIRECT TRANSMISSIONS, HAVE TO TRANSMIT THEIR REPORTS THROUGH RADIO NACIONAL FACILITIES, PAYING CHARGES (APPROX. \$1100 MONTHLY) ASSOCIATED WITH USE OF RADIO NACIONAL'S FACILITIES.

2. FOR NOAA, SUNRAY, MEXICO CITY: WE CONTACTED COL. LUNA AND HE ABSOLUTELY REFUSES TO GRANT TEMPORARY PERMISSION TO ALLOW PUERTO CABEZAS TO CONTINUE DIRECT TRANSMISSION TO METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE. PUERTO CABEZAS WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH RADIO NACIONAL, STARTING IMMEDIATELY, IN IT WANTS TO SEND ITS REPORTS TO MANAGUA. COL. LUNA STATED THAT NOAA WOULD HAVE TO APPLY TO HIS AGENCY FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSMIT

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DIRECTLY TO MANAGUA, AND THAT ONLY AFTER APPROVAL OF THE

APPLICATION WOULD NOAA BE ALLOWED TO BEGIN ITS TRANSMISSION.
HE WAS OBVIOUSLY VERY ANGERED
AT THE FACT NOAA HAD NOT MADE
AN OFFICIAL APPLICATION.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES PROPER PROCEDURES WOULD BE OFFICIAL USG
REQUEST TO GON THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THIS EMBASSY.
WHEN REQUEST HAS BEEN PRESENTED THROUGH MINISTRY FOREIGN
RELATIONS WE CAN PROCEED URGE COL. LUNA TO RESPOND
EXPEDITIOUSLY TO OFFICIAL USG REQUEST.
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